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A New Look for the Legislature's Website



The Legislature's website, <u>capitol.hawaii.gov</u>, has been redesigned to provide users with a simpler, more intuitive experience and a site that's easy to work with on your phone. Attached to this email is a guide to its features. You can also access the guide <u>here</u> (you'll find a link on the website's homepage in the "Announcements" section).

Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the website and get used to the new tab structure, how to access the interactive features, and where to find the ever-important "<u>Reports and Lists</u>" page. There's now a search box at the top of the site that you can use to find bills by bill number. You can change the "Search Type" to search by keyword, or to search the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) or the Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH).

If you've registered for the website, your user information remains in the system and there is no need to register again to use the interactive features.

The Regular Session starts up on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. As always, please contact the Public Access Room (PAR) with any questions or to request a workshop or tutorial.

Up-to-Date Information as the Legislature Organizes



With the November elections completed, we've learned who will be serving in each of the House and Senate seats for the Thirty-Second Hawaii State Legislature. Now, what about leadership assignments? Committee structure? Room numbers and office managers? We're updating the handouts on PAR's "<u>Current Legislature</u>" page as the chambers organize and information becomes available. This information, as it becomes available, can be found at our web address: <u>Irb.hawaii.gov/par</u>.

Workshops



The Public Access Room is happy to offer Zoom workshops for groups who want to learn more about the legislative process and getting involved. We can also set up one-on-one tutorials. Just call or email us (contact information below), and we'll see if we can accommodate you. Workshops can cover using the new website, understanding the legislative process, and/or how to effectively advocate for or against legislation. Next month, we'll be announcing our scheduled workshops for January and how to sign up.

Visiting the Capitol



The capitol building is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individual office hours vary, so it's wise to contact them beforehand. Please note that an ID is required for entry into the building, and that COVID policies differ among entities that occupy the capitol building, and will most likely continue to evolve. In PAR, we ask that you wear a mask (we do have some available, if you forget). PAR is open during the interim from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and once session starts we'll be open from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you find yourself at the capitol, please stop by to pick up some handouts, ask questions, and say hello!

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